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#### **54-01-01-01. Organization of board of nursing.**

1. **History and functions.** The 1915 legislative assembly passed a law governing the registration of nurses and created a board of nursing, codified as North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-12. The 1947 legislative assembly passed a law governing practical nurses, codified as North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-21. The 1977 legislative assembly passed a Nurse Practices Act which combined the two laws, codified as North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-12.1. The 1995 legislative assembly amended the law to define nursing and the requirements for the practice of nursing, and to require the governor to appoint a board of nursing to implement the law.
2. **Board membership.** The board consists of nine members appointed by the governor. Five members are registered nurses, three are licensed practical nurses, and one is a public member. Members of the board serve four-year terms with the public member's appointment coinciding with that of the governor. No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.
3. **Executive director.** The executive director is employed by the board and is responsible for the administration of the board's office and activities.
4. **Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning the board and nursing practice in North Dakota may be addressed to:

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